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Advice to States on R&D
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has advised the State Governments to build research institutes in the States; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received from the State Governments in this regard during the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b) Education being in the concurrent list, the creation of new institutions is the responsibility of both Central Government and the State Governments. The State Universities are set up by Acts passed by the State Legislature and the Central Government has no role to play in setting up of State Universities. It is for the States to decide depending on their requirements.
However, the Government is continuously striving to improve the quality of research by emphasizing the need for promoting research that is socially relevant and is of use to the end users.
For the purpose of encouraging research there are two schemes, namely IMPRINT (Impacting Research Innovation and Technology) and UAY (Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana) launched for centrally funded institutions. IMPRINT focuses on research in higher educational institutions wherein the cost of the project is met to the extent of 50% by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the remaining 50% by the participating Ministry/Department. UAY promotes industry sponsored, outcome-oriented research projects. The project cost under UAY is met to the extent of 50% by the MHRD and 25% each by the Industry and the participating Ministry/Department.
University Grant Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to candidates pursuing M.Phil./Ph.D. on regular basis in the field of Humanities, Social Science, Sciences and Engineering & Technology under the doctoral and postdoctoral schemes. Some of the fellowships granted under the doctoral fellowship scheme are Junior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences; Basic Science Research Fellowship; Swami Vivekananda for Single Girl Child fellowship for Research; Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC candidates; National Fellowship for Higher Education of ST Students; National Fellowship for Students of Other Backward Classes (OBC); Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students and National Fellowship for Students with Disabilities. The fellowships under Post-Doctoral Fellowships include Dr S. Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities; Dr D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship; Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST; Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women.
The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) under its Component 8: Research, Innovation and quality improvement also provides support to State Governments for enhancing research quality. The component supports facilities such as incubation centers, innovation hubs, procurement of high quality e-resources, initiatives for scaling up industry-academia partnership, promotion of research and entrepreneurial activities, etc. States prepare a Research and Innovation Plan (RIP) which is examined by an expert committee and subsequently placed before the Project Approval Board (PAB) for consideration.
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